

## BEST CLUB WON GAMES

## Tom Loftus Says Cubs Were Whipped Early in Series.

## GAMELESS OF THE WHITE SOX

Former Manager of the Washington Club Gives a Most Intelligent Resume of the World's Championship Series—Jones' Team Always on Its Toes, While Cubs Lacked Spirit.

Tom Loftus, once manager of the Cleveland and Chicago Nationals, and later in charge of the Washington club, in the American League, gave one of the most intelligent resumes of the series to a reporter for the Chicago Record-Herald. He said:

"The Cubs were thoroughly whipped before the Sunday games ever started. Puttling Brown in the box when he had pitched but two days before was an admission that the Cubs' hopes were hanging by a slender thread. And Brown got what I expected him to get. The Sox were full of confidence after the way they had slaughtered the Cub pitchers on the day before, and I doubt if any pitcher in the business could have stopped them that day.

"I see that Chance is being charged with bad judgment in not putting Overall in to pitch at the start of the Sunday game. Some of the West Side reporters maintain that Overall, after his first showing on Saturday, should have been the logical twirler for Sunday. That's all tommyrot. Chance played the best card when he sent Brown in. Brown had been their stake horse all summer long. He it was who piled up the victories in the pennant race contests, and in him the team had the most confidence.

"Overall doesn't deserve special credit for the work of holding the Sox down after Brown had been knocked out. The woods are full of pitchers who can go into a game after it is lost and pitch good ball. They simply go in with nothing to lose, and thus, they are able to plug along at a fairly successful rate. I do not doubt that Overall would have been slammed harder than Brown had he been in the box for the full nine innings.

## Ginger in Sox Play.

"The spirit of the White Sox in that final game was enough to carry them to victory against all the pitchers in Christendom. I never saw a team so full of pep. The extra players on the bench were yelling their lungs out at every play, in direct contrast to the spirit of the Cub bench. The National Leaguers went on to the field with the spirit of 'Come on and beat us and put an end to our suffering.'

"The Cubs were done fighting in the last two games. You didn't see them dancing the coaching lines and showing signs of life in any other way. The man whose turn it was to bat next wasn't out swinging his bat ready to face the pitcher, but was waiting in seclusion on the bench until he had to go out.

"The errors of the White Sox, I fear, were not understood by the fans. You will remember the beautiful error of Sunday's game were made while Walsh was pitching, and that they were wild throws, not fumbles. Well, Walsh was using the spit ball incessantly, and I know it was the spit ball that caused most of the frightful heaves into the crowd. You never hear of Davis throwing the ball over anybody ordinarily. Occasionally he throws it low and wide, but never over his man. It was that spit ball, that caused all of those ridiculous looking throws. The Sox are always a great fielding aggregation, and with any other pitcher working they would throw away any usually do. Of course, that is no fault of Walsh. Wild-throwers must be expected once in a while with a spit ball pitcher who gets as much moisture on the ball as Walsh does.

## Both Great in Fielding.

"The Sox and Cubs are both wonderful fielding teams. Of course, the Sox are at their best in the fielding line when Tannehill is on third. That fellow is simply airtight as a third baseman. You can't punt on him or get away with any hits in his direction. For that reason I think it would have been a good play by Jones to have taken Robe out and put 'Tanny' on third after the second inning, when Robe had delivered his hit and helped in the run-getting.

"Taken all around, it was gameless as much as anything that decided the series. The Cubs apparently have been used to running over their opponents as they pleased, and this time didn't know what to do when somebody fought back at them and refused to go under the yoke.

"The pitching is a big part in a short series, and in that all-important department the Sox had the better of the argument. Chance was the man who first used the proposition of winning a world championship with one pitcher. Brown, McGraw turned the trick a year ago with Mattheus, but that won't happen often. Walsh, White, and Altrock all looked better than anybody else in the league uniform. And at that White wasn't right, but the way White and Altrock fielded their positions has never been excelled by any pitcher. They used the finest judgment at all times, and they were in grand style, and knocked down more base hits than any one I can think of."

## WHENCE CAME FATEFUL "23."

"Skidoo" Number Has More Than One Source of Origin.

From the New York Evening Mail. From time to time we have read all disquisitions in your column about the origin and meaning of the word "skidoo," but as yet no satisfactory explanation, reason, or cause for the expression "Twelve" meaning to beat it, skidoo, brush by and otherwise be on your feet and lighten us.

THREE SPORTS.

The authorities display a lamentable lameness on this subject. Webster doesn't mention it at all, and neither do other famous language authorities.

But the baseball world, the turf followers, circus men and theatrical people each have their own idea of the expression's origin.

Here they are, and you may pick out the one you like best:

"Twenty-three means being 'in-canned,'" says a baseball fan. Of course, you know that "in-canned" among ball players means being "fired," released.

"Twenty-three" was first used as a slang expression through the South and Southwest. It is a modification of the slang phrase, "Eighteen and five." "Eighteen and five" was its first form, and it was sprung by a barn-storming ten, touring the jayhawk water-tank towns of the South and Southwest.

"The man or woman who was in bad favor was ordered by the manager to study additional parts until the number reached eighteen, and at the same time the manager kept putting off salary day. It took five weeks for the artful proprietor of the show to work up the list of eighteen parts. That meant five weeks' unpaid salary.

"By that time the object of the scheme reached the subject and he or she quit the show. So in that company it got to be a byword. When one of the troupe fell down or failed to make a hit, the rest of them would pass out the word 'eighteen and five for you.' It meant that

## BASEBALL STATISTICS, 1906.

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Shirley Schuck and Marvin Hart has not yet been abandoned. Jack Curley, the matchmaker of the show, yesterday sent Hart an offer of a \$1,500 guarantee or 6 per cent of the gross receipts. Hart has been holding out for a guarantee, although on the face of the advance sale at Ter-